

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application.

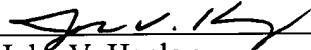
In the outstanding Office action dated December 20, 2005, claims 1-11 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,007,574. In response thereto, Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,007,574. It is believed that submitting such a Terminal Disclaimer operates to traverse the rejection of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting set forth in the outstanding Office action.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have attempted to completely respond to the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office action. In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered, the claims allowed and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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